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University Police Department Receives \$8,000 Grant for Breathalyzer

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Georgia Southern University Police Department received an \$8,000 grant from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety to replace their current breath Intoxilyzer 5000. The state of Georgia has mandated all law enforcement agencies replace older testing units by 2015.

The Georgia Southern University Police Department recently received an \$8,000 grant from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS). The grant was awarded to purchase a CMI Intoxilyzer 9000, which will replace the current Intoxilyzer 5000. The Intoxilyzer 9000 is used to obtain the implied consent state administered breath test for prosecution of drunken driving offenders. The state has mandated all law enforcement agencies to replace older testing units by 2015.

"The Georgia Southern University Police Department is proud to partner with The Governor's Office of Highway Safety to help keep everyone safe on our roadways," said Laura McCullough, assistant director of Public Safety. "We are extremely grateful to receive this grant because it enhances our continued efforts to provide a safe environment to the faculty, staff, students and visitors on our campus."

As a grant recipient, the University police department must participate in a regional traffic network and also in national highway safety campaigns including Click-it or Ticket and Operation Zero Tolerance.

The department averages approximately 71 DUI arrests per year. The stats for previous years were 61 in 2009, 85 in 2010, 55 in 2011, 83 in 2012 and 72 in 2013.

Major Laura McCullough obtained the grant.